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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Thomas G. Mason et al.

U. S. Serial No. 09/818,435

Filed: March 27, 2001

DISAGGREGATION OF ASPHALTENES IN  
INCOMPATIBLE PETROLEUM OIL  
MIXTURES

) Before the Examiner  
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) Confirmation Number: 2059  
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) Group Art Unit: 1764  
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) Family Number: P2001J013

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of June 20, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A method to disaggregate asphaltenes in petroleum oils and mixtures of petroleum oils, and/or refinery streams comprising mild heating, the disaggregated asphaltenes remaining soluble in the petroleum oils and mixtures of petroleum oils and/or refinery process streams.

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